



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## MOTORCYCLE/ATV SAFETY UNIT

### VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS



	<b>MOPED</b>	<b>MOTORCYCLE</b>	<b>ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE</b>
<b>VEHICLE DEFINITION</b>	<p>"Moped" means a motor-driven cycle that cannot attain a speed in one mile of more than 30 miles per hour and the engine of which:</p> <p>(A) cannot produce more than two-brake horsepower; and</p> <p>(B) if an internal combustion engine, has a piston displacement of 50 cubic centimeters or less and connects to a power drive system that does not require the operator to shift gears.</p> <p>TTC <a href="#">541.201(8)</a></p> <p><i>Note: any 2 or 3-wheeled vehicle that does not meet this definition is automatically classified as a motorcycle.</i></p>	<p>"Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that is equipped with a rider's saddle and designed to have when propelled not more than three wheels on the ground.</p> <p>TTC <a href="#">541.201(9)</a></p> <p><i>Note: trikes are included in this description</i></p>	<p>"All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is:</p> <p>(A) equipped with a saddle for the use of:</p> <p>(i) the rider; and</p> <p>(ii) a passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;</p> <p>(B) designed to propel itself with three or four tires in contact with the ground;</p> <p>(C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use by the operator only; and</p> <p>(D) not designed by the manufacturer for farming or lawn care.</p> <p>TTC <a href="#">663.001(1)</a></p>
<b>GENERAL OPERATION / ROADWAY USE</b>	<p><b>RIDER AND PASSENGER</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">545.416</a>, <a href="#">545.424</a></p>	<p><b>RIDER AND PASSENGER</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">545.416</a>, <a href="#">545.424</a></p>	<p><b>OPERATION ON PUBLIC ROADWAY PROHIBITED</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">663.037</a></p> <p><b>OFF-ROAD USE</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">663.032</a>, <a href="#">663.035-663.036</a></p>
<b>HEADGEAR REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">661.001 - 661.004</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">661.001 - 661.004</a>, <a href="#">521.001(6-a)</a></p>	<p><b>YES (when on public land)</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">663.034</a></p>
<b>SAFETY INSPECTION / EQUIPMENT REQUIRED</b>	<p>TTC <a href="#">548.051(b)</a></p> <p><b>SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIRED</b></p>	<p>TTC <a href="#">547.801</a>, <a href="#">547.802</a>, <a href="#">547.333(c)(2)(d)</a>, <a href="#">547.408</a></p> <p><b>SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIRED</b></p>	<p>TTC <a href="#">663.033</a></p> <p><b>NO SAFETY INSPECTION REQUIRED</b></p>
<b>TITLE REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">501.022</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">501.022</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">501.022</a></p>
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">502.040</a>, <a href="#">Certified Moped List</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">502.040</a></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">502.140</a></p>
<b>INSURANCE REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">601.072</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">601.072</a></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
<b>LICENSE REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">521.225</a>, <a href="#">521.165(d)</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">521.084</a>, <a href="#">521.085</a>, <a href="#">521.148</a>, <a href="#">521.001(6-a)</a>, <a href="#">521.085(b)</a>, <a href="#">521.165(d)</a></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>
<b>TRAINING REQUIRED</b>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">521.148</a>, <a href="#">662</a></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">521.148</a>, <a href="#">662</a></p>	<p><b>YES (to ride on public land)</b></p> <p>TTC <a href="#">663.031</a></p>

#### ADDITIONAL VEHICLE TYPES:

*Note: no safety inspection/insurance required; contact DMV for title/registration*

**DIRT BIKES:** Parks and Wildlife Code, [Chapter 29](#)

**ELECTRIC BICYCLE:** TTC [541.201\(24\)](#), [551.101-104](#), [551.106](#)

**ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTANCE MOBILITY DEVICES:** TTC [551.201-551.203](#)

**GOLF CARTS:** TTC [551.401-551.405](#)

**MOTOR-ASSISTED SCOOTERS:** TTC [551.351-551.352](#)

**NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES:** TTC [551.301-551.303](#)

**POCKET BIKE OR MINI MOTOR BIKE:** TTC [551.351\(2\)](#), [551.353](#)

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<b>TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE (TTC):</b>	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Index.aspx">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Index.aspx</a>
<b>CERTIFIED MOPED LIST:</b>	<a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/documents/CurrentMopedList.pdf">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/msb/documents/CurrentMopedList.pdf</a>
<b>TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPT:</b>	<a href="http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/ohv/index.phtml">http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/ohv/index.phtml</a>
<b>TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE CODE:</b>	<a href="http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm/PW.29.htm">http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/PW/htm/PW.29.htm</a>
<b>MOTORCYCLE DRIVER LICENSE:</b>	<a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/motorcycleLicense.htm">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/motorcycleLicense.htm</a>
<b>VEHICLE INSPECTION:</b>	<a href="http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/vi/inspection/item_insp.asp">http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/vi/inspection/item_insp.asp</a>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:</b>	<a href="http://www.txdmv.gov/index.htm">http://www.txdmv.gov/index.htm</a>